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SUMMARY

SIGNS OF INCREASING POLTIICAL CONCERN IN PEKING OVER AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS HAVE EMERGED, WITH MEDIA EXHORTAITION, MASS ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND REVOLUTIONARY OPERA THEMES FOCUSING ON THE NECESSITY OF ALWAYS BEING PREPARED OFR THE WORST, WAGING HARD STRUGGLE AND SUBMERGING INTERESTS OF THE PART FOR THE WHOLE. PREMIER CHOU' S UNUSUAL ABSENCE FROM PUBLIC RECEPTIONS IN PEKING SUGGESTS THAT HE COULD BE ABSENT FROM THE CAPITAL. AMIDST NEWS OF AMBASSADOR BRUCE' S APPOINTMENT TO HEAD THE US LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING AND THE RELEASE OF THE LAST AMERICAN DETAINEES IN CHINA, US- SINO CONTACTS IN HONG KONG HAVE PICKED UP ON A BROAD FRONT. ON CAMBODIA, PEKING HAS REPLAYED AN AKI REPORT OF THE MARCH 17 BOMBING IN PHNOM PENH BUT THERE IS STILL NO NEWS OF THE WHERE-ABOUTS OF SIHANOUK.
END SUMMARY

1. THE POLITICS OF DROUGHT --
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AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS TOP THE LIST OF PEKING' S DOMESTIC WORRIES. THE PROSPECT SO FAR FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF NATURAL DISASTERS IN AGRICULTURE STRONGLY COLORS PROVINCIAL RADIO COMMENTARIES WITH THE OUTLOOK FOR DROUGHT, THE THRID SUCCESSIVE YEAR OF IT IN SOME AREAS, AS THE CENTRAL FEATURE. IN NATIONAL MEDIA THE PROB-LEM IS SCARCELY, TORTUOUSLY VEILED, AS IN THE PEOPLE' S DAILY EDITORIAL MARCH 2 WHICH REASONED THAT NATURAL DISASTERS IN CHINA ARE NATURAL, AND THAT PREPARATIONS MUST ALWAYS BE MADE FOR THE WORST, OR NCNA' S COMMENT MARCH 20 THAT THE SINKING OF PUMP WELLS

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IN HOPEI " HIGHLIGHTS" THIS YEAR' S HARVEST EFFORT. BEHIND SUCH STOIC SELF- RELIANCE, PEKING IS EATING INTO ITS RESERVES AND HAS RECENTLY PURCHASED 800,000 ADDITIONAL TONS OF US GRAIN FOR APRIL-OCTOBER DELIVERY. CONFIDENTIAL

2. BUT FOR PROVINCIAL CADRE WHOSE FORTUNES HINGE CRITICALLY ON THIS YEAR' S CROP PERFORMANCE, THE ORDER IS TO STRUGGLE, AND THEY ARE GOING TO THE COUNTRYSIDE IN LARGE NUMBERS. THEY ARE BEING TOLD NOT TO GRUMBLE, BUT TO PROPAGANDIZE THE DOUBLE- TALK VIEW THAT THE SITUATION IS EXCELLENT (" TO DEVELOP THE EXCELLENT SITUATION . . . WE MUST STRUGGLE . . . WE CANNOT JUST SIT AND WAIT FOR THE ARRIVAL OF AN EXCELLENT SITUATION" -- SZECHUAN RADIO, MARCH 16). THESE ORDERS ARE BARBED WITH WARNINGS THAT IT IS POLITICALLY UNHEALTHY TO LACK CONFIDENCE AND UTMOST EFFORT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. THE AGRICULTURAL STRUGGLE AND THE REPUDIATION OF LIN PIAO ARE MERGING. CADRE IN HARD- HIT SHANSI, WHERE DROUGHT IS THE SUBJECT OF ALMOST DAILY RADIO BRAODCASTS, HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT " THE IDEA OF RELYING ON HEAVEN AND WAITING FOR RAIN IS A SIGN THAT THE POISON OF THE . . . SWINDLERS (LIN). . . HAS NOT YET BEEN WASHED AWAY" (SHANSI RADIO MARCH 13). ELSEWHERE, LIN' S PURPORTED " SLANDERS" ABOUT MAO' S STEWARDSHIP, PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC FAILINGS, ARE COMING IN FOR RENEWED DENUNCIATION. AS THE CURRENT ISSUE OF RED FLAG OBSERVES, THE AGRICULUTRAL SITUATION IS " NOT ONLY AN ECONOMIC QUESTION BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY A POLITICAL QUESTION." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. WHERE IS CHOU? --

PREMIER CHOU EN- LAI HAS NOT MADE A PUBLICLY- REPORTED APPEARANCE IN TWELVE DAYS, THE LONGEST HE HAS BEEN OUT OF SIGHT SINCE THE FALL OF LIN PIAO IN 1971, AND HE HAS FAILED TO MEET FOREIGN VISITORS CONFIDENTIAL

HE MIGHT NORMALLY HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO SEE. WE HAVE A REPORT THAT SWEDISH DIPLOMATS IN PEKING ARE ATTRIBUTING CHOU' S FAILURE TO MEET MINISTER MYRDAL IN EARLY MARCH TO HIS " AGE AND TIREDNESS," BUT THIS APPEARS TO BE ONLY SPECULATION. CHOU' S FORMERLY HEAVY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS WITH FOREIGNERS, WHICH GETS HIS NAME IN THE MEDIA REGULARLY, HAS BEEN REDUCED IN RECENT MONTHS, BUT THIS COULD REFLECT A SHIFT IN HIS ACTIVITIES TOWARD INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION COULD WELL PROMPT CHOU TO TOUR IN THE PROVINCES. CONFIDENTIAL/ NOFORN

5. REHABILITATION CONTINUES --

THE DEATH OF FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER HO WEI WAS MEMORIALIZED MARCH 16 (NCNA), AS FUNERALS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TO MARK THE PROGRESS OF REHABILITATION THROUGH VARIOUS SPHERES OF THE PRC' S GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE. HO HIMSELF DISAPPEARED AFTER SUFFERING RED GUARD

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ATTACKS IN EARLY 1967. HIS POSTHUMOUS REHABILITATION WAS ACCENTED BY THE FOUR FORMER VICE MINISTERS OF EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE (LIU CHI- P' ING, LIU YANG- CH' IAO, HU YAO- PANG, LIU AI- FENG), TWO OF WHOM APPEARED PUBLICLY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1967. EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE LAST SPHERES OF CHOU ' S OLD BUREAUCRACY TO BE TOUCHED BY REHABILITATION, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF MAO' S STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE PRE- CULTURAL REVOLUTION EDUCATION STRUCTURE. MEANWHILE IN THE PROVINCES, YET ANOTHER CHEKIANG PARTY VETERAN ATTACKED DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION HAS SURFACED IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY. NCNA MARCH 18 IDENTIFIED CH' EN PING AS A CHEKIANG CCP STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER, HIS APPROXIMATEL RANK PRIOR TO HIS 1966 FALL.
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6. MASS ORGANIZATION --

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF YOUTH, THE WOMEN ARE NOW BEGINNING TO BE ORGANIZED. IN SHENSI, THE CALL HAS GONE OUT TO " GREET" THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESS OF WOMEN (MARCH 9 BROADCAST), WHILE IN SHANTUNG, A SUB- PROVINCIAL WOMEN' S FEDERATION HAS ALREADY BEEN FORMED IN YENTAI REGION (MARCH 18 BROADCAST). TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONA ARE ALSO STIRRING TO LIFE, AT LEAST ACCORDING TO A JAPANESE NIHON KEIZAI REPORT OF A PEKING WORKERS' MEETING (MARCH 17). ON THE COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE (CYL) BUILDING FRONT, LIAONING' S JUST- FORMED CYL COMMITTEE HAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICATION
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OF ITS OWN JOURNAL (MARCH 11 BROADCAST), AND HAS PROCLAIMED " GOING TO THE COUNTRYSIDE" AS THE " ONLY ROAD" FOR THE YOUTH MOVEMENT TO TAKE (ITEM 7) (MARCH 10 BROADCAST).
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7. YOUTH PROBLEMS: THE CENTER SPEAKS OUT --

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THE MARCH 10 PEOPLE' S DAILY (PD) CARRIES AN ARTICLE THAT PRO-
NOUNCES YOUTH AS FIT FOR SERVICE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE (FBIS
MARCH 13). THE ARTICLE COMES AT A TIME WHEN A NEW CYL STRUCTURE
IS EMERGING THAT PLACES YOUTH MORE FIRMLY UNDER THE PARTY' S DIRECT
CONTROL, AND WHEN YOUTH ARE AGAIN BEING STRONLY EXHORTED TO
SETTLE IN FURAL AREAS (WR 11). ACCORDING T THE ARTICLE' S
AUTHOR, YOUTH ARE IDEALISTIC (" ALWAYS THE FIRST TO PLUNGE INTO
SELFLESS STRUGGLE"). HOWEVER, THEY " LACK A SENSE OF ORGANIZATION
AND DISCIPLINE," WHICH REQUIRES OLDER PEOPLE " TO MADE
RIGOROUS DEMANDS UPON THEM." THAT DEMAND, OF COURSE, IS " TO
INTEGRATE WITH THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS "(MAO). REFERENCES TO
SLANDERS BY " SWINDLERS" AND THE SOVIETS, AND TO DOWN- TO- THE-
COUNTRYSIDE YOUTH (DCY) MARTYR CHIN HSUN- HUA, MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
THE " INTEGRATION" THE ARTICLE' S AUTHOR IS PRIMARILY CALLING FOR
IS THAT BETWEEN CITY YOUTH AND RURAL PEASANTS. SUCH RESETTLEMENT
IS TO BE EFFECTED WITHOUT " RELYING" ON FORCE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

8. AS WAS TRUE IN 1968-69 WHEN THE ONGOING DCY MOVEMENT WAS FIRST
LAUNCHED, THE REGIME IS PRESENTLY CAPITALIZING ON THE CONVERGENCE

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OF A MAOIST GOAL(KEEPING YOUTH HUMBLE) WITH A PRAGMATIC ONE
(REDUCING POTENTIAL URBAN UNEMPLOYMENT). THIS MAOIST BASIS
FOR AN ESSENTIALLY ANTI- YOUTH EFFORT POSES A CONTINUING DILEMMA
FOR THE TWO ROLITBURO MEMBERS MOST IDENTIFIED WITH YOUTH-- CHIANG
CH' ING AND YAO WEN- YUAN. THE DILEMMA IS REFLECTED IN A MARCH 4
PD PIECE ON CULTURAL HERO LU HSUN' S ATTITUDE TOWARD YOUTH
(SCMP 5337). ATTACKING THOSE WHO " DERIVE GREAT PLEASURE FROM
POINTING OUT YOUNG PEOPLE' S SHORTCOMINGS," THE AUTHOR NEVERTHELESS
NOTES THAT LU HSUN (LIKE MAO) " IMPOSED EXACTING DEMANDS ON YOUNG
PEOPLE," AND SAID " NOW IS THE TIME TO TEST YOURSELVES."

9. THERE ARE SUBTLE INDICATIONS THAT THIS PAINED CALL FOR YOUTH
TO ACCEPT THEIR ASSIGNMENTS WAS AUTHORED BY CHIANG CH' ING HERSELF,
USING THE PSEUDONYM " CHIANG MING." BESIDES USING LU HSUN AS A
MODEL, A TACK FREQUENTLY TAKEN BY CHIANG AND YAO DURING THE
CULTURAL REVOLUTION, THE AUTHOR OF THE MARCH 4 PD PIECE DISPLAYS
GREAT SENSITIVITY TOWARD THE USE OF " PROSTITUTE" AS A TERM OF

RIDICULE. IF THE AUTHOR IS MADAME MAO, SHE MAY BE IN A MELAN-
CHOLY MOOD: SEEMINGLY SEARCHING FOR A TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF
IMMORTALITY, THE AUTHOR SETTLES ON LU HSUN' S VIEW THAT " IF I
COULD BRING OUT A SINGLE FLOWER, I WOULD NOT MIND BEING A BLADE
OF PERISHABLE GRASS . . . ." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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10. THE POWER OF MONEY AND INFLUENCE IN THE PRC --

IN CONVERSATION WITH A CONGEN OFFICER, THE HONG KONG DEPUTY
DIRECTOR
OF IMMIGRATION SAID SOME ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA WERE
BEING BROUGHT OUT OF THE PRC BY CHINESE BOATS WHICH THEN
RETURNED TO THE MAINLAND. ON FEBRUARY 12 A GROUP OF 49 REFUGEES
HAD ENTERED HONG KONG, CLAIMING THEIR JUNK HAD BEEN ABANDONED
JUST AS THEY WERE REACHING SHORE. NO SIGH OF THE JUNK COULD BE
FOUND AND AFTER FURTHER INTERROGATION, THE REFUGEES DISCLOSED
THAT THEIR EXIT HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. THEY HAD
PAID 3,000 RMB (APPROXIMATELY US $1,500) TO A BOAT CREW TO
TRANSPORT THEM ON A JUNK WHICH NORMALLY CARRIES BRICKS TO HONG
KONG. OFFICIALS ARE NOW CHECKING INTO THE CLAIMS OF ABANDONED
BOATS BY OTHER REFUGEE GROUPS AND BELIEVE THAT SUCH " PAID PASSAGE"
FROM CHINA TO HONG KONG MAY NOT BE AT ALL UNCOMMON. A PEKING
UNK EMBASSY OFFICIAL WHO HAS RECENTLY REESTABLISHED CONTACTS IN
VARIOUS PRC CITIES WITH CHINESE HOLDING BRITISH CITIZENSHIP TOLD
A CONGEN OFFICER THAT THESE SOURCES SPOKE FRANKLY OF HOW THEY
USED INFLUENCE AND PAID EXTRA- LEGAL PAYMENTS TO GET SPECIAL
FAVORS, SERVICES, AND GOODS. THESE REPORTS CORROBORATE EARLIER
SCATTERED INTELLIGENCE INDICATIONS OF THE OCCURRENCE OF PETTY
GRAFT AND BRIBES IN CHINA.
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THE SHANGHAI OPERA TROUPE THAT SPECIALIZES IN PERFORMING " ODE TO DRAGON RIVER" ARRIVED IN FOOCHOW MARCH 6 TO ENTHUSIASTIC AND HIGH- LEVEL ACCLAIM. FUKIEN CHIEF HAN HSIEN- CHU ATTENDED THE PREMIERE AND FUKIEN RADIO MARCH 9 WAS EFFUSIVE IN ITS PRAISE OF THE OPERA AS A " FRAGRANT FLOWER" OF SOCIALIST ART, WHICH IT SAID HAD BEEN CREATED UNDER CHIANG CHING' S PERSONAL GUIDANCE. A MARCH 7 BROADCAST OF A FUKIEN DAILY COMMENTATOR ARTICLE SAID THE ARRIVAL OF THE TROUPE " REFLECTS THE LOVING CONCERN" OF MAO AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PEOPLE OF FUKIEN, AND CALLED FOR LEARNING FROM THE SHANGHAI TROUPE. THE OPERA HAS AS ITS THEME THE TIMELY TOPIC OF SELF- SACRIFICE FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE IN STRUGGLE AGAINST DROUGHT. WITH " RAID ON WHITE TIGER REGIMENT," THE KOREAN WAR OPERA WHICH HAS ANTI- AMERICAN OVERTONES, PERFORMING IN THE NANKING MILITARY REGIO N, THERE ARE NOW TWO OPERA TOURING EAST
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CHINA AND BRINGING ACCLAIM TO CHIANG CHING.
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12. UNITED STATES --

NCNA (MARCH 16) CARRIED PRESIDENT NIXON' S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AMBASSADOR DAVID BRUCE WOULD HEAD THE US LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING, AND WOULD BE ASSISTED BY MR. JENKINS AND MR. HOLDRIDGE. A LEFTIST NEWSPAPER IN HONG KONG COMMENTED EUPHORICALLY THAT THE RANK OF THESE MEN WOULD MAKE THE US MISSION " VIRTUALLY A SUPER EMBASSY." NCNA (MARCH 15) REPORTED IN STANDARD MANNER THE RELEASE OF US PILOTS SMITH AND FLYNN, THE LAST US DETAINEES IN CHINA. UNCLASSIFIED

13. IN HONG KONG CONTACTS BETWEEN PRO- PEKING ELEMENTS AND AMERICANS HAVE BROADENED NOTICEABLY (HK 2645). ON MARCH 16, CONSUL GENERAL OSBORN ATTENDED A LARGE COCKTAIL RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE COMMUNIST TA KUNG PAO (TKP) TO CELEBRATE THE 25 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAPER' S PUBLICATION IN HONG KONG. THE CG' S PRESENCE WAS WIDELY NOTED IN THE COMMUNIST PRESS WHICH CARRIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF MR. OSBORN SHAKING HANDS WITH TKP PUBLISHER FEI YI - MIN. ON MARCH 20, ON CHINESE INITIATIVE PUBLISHER FEI ARRANGED A PRIVATE MEETING FOR MR. OSBORN WITH MACAU COMMUNIST LEADER HO YIN. BOTH EVENTS WERE MARKED BY UNUSUAL CORDIALITY AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM THE CHINESE IN HAVING INCREASED CONTACTS WITH AMERICANS ON A BROAD RANGE OF SUBJECTS. THE TKP ANNIVERSARY EDITION CARRIED LARGE CON- GRATULATORY ADS FROM THREE US AIRLINES, THE FIRST BY US COMPANIES IN THE HONG KONG COMMUNIST PRESS. CONFIDENTIAL/ NOFORN

14. PRIOR TO THE TKP RECEPTION, THE PRO- PEKING CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARCH 13 ARRANGED A DINNER MEETING WITH FIVE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZA

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TIONS. IN RECENT MEETINGS BEWTEEN CONGEN OFFICERS, CHINA
RESOURCES COMPANY, CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE AND NCNA, CHINESE
OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN FRIENDLIER AND MORE WILLING TO TALK ABOUT
A BROAD SPECTRUM OF SINO- US RELATIONS. CONFIDENTIAL/ FOFORN

15. KOREA --

A PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT OF MARCH 15 CHARGED THAT THE
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" SOUTH KOREAN AUTHORITIES" HAD UNILATERALLY ALLOWED A FOREIGN-
OWNED VESSLE TO EXPLORE FOR OIL IN AREAS OF THE NEIGHBORING
SEAS OVER WHICH JURISDICATION HAD NOT BEEN DELIMITED (HK 2646).
THE CHINESE STATEMENT WAS NOTABLY LESS VEHEMENT THAN THOSE OF
PREVIOUS YEARS, BUT PEKING HAS NOT YET RESPONDED PUBLICLY TO
SEOUL' S FORTHCOMING CALL FOR TALKS TO NEGOTIATE THE JURISDIC-
TIONAL QUESTION (SEOUL 1630, 1636). NCNA REPLAYED EXTENSIVE
REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM PYONGYANG ON THE SECOND MEETING OF
THE NORTH- SOUTH COORDINATION COMMITTEE. REFLECTING PEKING' S
HARSHER LINE IN RECENT WEEKS, SEVERL AOF THE ITEMS DENOUNCED
THE SOUTH KOREANS FOR ALLEGEDLY OBSTRUCTING FURTHER PROGRESS
AND PORTRAYED THE NORTH KOREANS AS INJURED INNOCENTS WHO MERELY
WISHED TO REDUCE MILITARY CONFRONTATION (NCNA MARCH 14-18).
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16. CAMBODIA --

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PRINCE SIHANOUK REMAINED OUT OF PUBLIC SIGHT, AS HE HAS SINCE FEBRUARY 16 (HK 2528). NCNA (MARCH 20) REPLAYED AN AKI REPORT OF THE BOMBING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN PHNOM PENH BY AN UNNAMED " PATRIOTIC OFFICER" OF THE " PUPPET TROOPS." THE OFFICER, IT SAID , LATER LANDED SAFELY IN THE " LIBERATED ZONE." NCNA (MARCH 20) ALSO CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM A STATEMENT BY THE GRUNK FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN DENOUNCING INCREASED US BOMBING IN CAMBODIA. THE STATEMENT SAID THAT THE LIBERATION FORCES " ARE NOW CARRYING ON BRAVELY A GENERAL OFFENSIVE" AND SAID THAT THEY WOULD PURSUE THEIR FIGHT " WITHOUT RETREAT OF COMPROMISE."
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17. JAPAN- USSR --

IN A REMARKABLY FRANK INTERVIEW WITH JAPANESE NEWSMEN FROM THE YOMIURI NEWSPAPER ON MARCH 10, LIAO CHENG- CHIH, PRESIDENT OF THE CHINA JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, EXPOUNDED ON SEVERAL ISSUES OF CURRENT IMPORTANCE, INCLUDING CIVIL AVIATION, MUTUAL ATTITUDES, SUPPORT FOR INSURGENCIES, AND SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT. ON THE LATTER, HE SAID THAT CHINA COULD NOT OPPOSE JAPAN' S FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT THAT IT WOULD HARBOR A " BITTER FEELING" IF JAPAN PROVIDED MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THE SOVIETS (TOKYO 3222).
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19. UNITED NATIONS --

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THE PRC DELEGATION TO THE UNSC MEETING IN PANAMA, LED BY UNSC PERMREP HUANG HUA AND PROVISIONAL DEPUTY REP HSIUNG HSIANG- HUI(PRC AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO), ARRIVED IN PANAMA CITY ON MARCH 13 (NCNA). IN HIS MAJOR ADDRESS TO THE MEETING, HUANG PREDICTABLY PLEDGED CHINA' S SUPPORT FOR PANAMA' S PLAN TO GAIN CONTROL OVER THE CANAL ZONE. HE ALSO REITERATED CHINA' S SUPPORT FOR OTHER LATIN AMERICAN CAUSES, INCLUDING THE 200 MILE LIMIT OF TERRITORIAL SEAS, THE NUCLEAR FREE ZONE, AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE. HE CALLED ON THE UNSC TO SUPPORT VARIOUS LA STRUGGLES FOR INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY BUT DID NOT MENTION PUERTO RICO. AT THE UN LAW OF THE SEA MEETING IN NEW YORK, THE PRC DELEGATION CIRCULATED A COMPREHENSIVE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH INCORPORATED PEKING' S POSITION ON TERRITORIAL SEAS, SEABED JURISDICTION, BASELINES, STRAITS AND SEVERAL OTHER MAJOR ISSUES (USUN 0936). THE DRAFT HAS NOT YET BEEN ACTED UPON.
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THE CHIEF PRC DELEGATE ALSO VOICED A PRO FORMA COMPLAINT ABOUT A REFERENCE TO TAIWAN IN A US GEOLOGICAL STUDY SUBMITTED TO THE SESSION (USUN 908). FINALLY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, KBRAHIM HELMI ABDEL- RAHMAN, ARRIVED IN PEKING ON MARCH 15 AND LEFT FOR SHANGHAI ON MARCH 20 (NCNA). DURING HIS STAY HE MET WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN- HUA AND WAS FETED BY VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES CHEN MU- HUA.
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19. LATIN AMERICA --

IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNSC MEETING, PRC PERMREP HUANG HUA MET SEPARATELY WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF PANAMA, PERU, AND COLOMBIA (NCNA MARCH 16). ALTHOUGH DETAILS WERE NOT RELEASED, THE CHINESE PROBABLY DISCUSSED RECOGNITION WITH THE PANAMIANS AND THE COLOMBIANS, WHOSE GOVERNMENTS STILL HAVE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIPEI. HUANG AND SIUNG HSIANG- LUI WERE ALSO RECEIVED BY PANAMA' S HEAD OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS (NCNA MARCH 18). PRC- PERUVIAN RELATIONS WERE ALSO IN THE NEWS WITH THE MARCH 11-16 VISIT TO SHANGHAI OF THE PERUVIAN NAVAL TRAINGING SHIP " INDEPENDENCE," UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAPTAIN ALEJANDRO PEREZ RUIZ. HSIAO CHING AKUANG, COMMANDER OF THE PLA NAVY, FETED THE PERUVIANS IN PEKING (NCNA MARCH 12). NCNA (MARCH 13) REPORTED THAT PERUVIAN PRESIDENT JUAN VELASCO HAD BEEN TEMPORARILY RELIEVED OF HIS DUTIES DUE TO ILLNESS. THE SAME ITEM REPORTED THAT PREMIER CHOU HAD SENT A MESSAGE OF CONSOLATION TO VELASCO ON FEBRUARY 27.
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20. UNITED KINGDOM --

AN UNOFFICIAL BRITISH FORTNIGHT IN PEKING BEGAN ON MARCH 17

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WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST WESTERN ORCHESTRA EVER TO PERFORM IN THE PRC, THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. THE GROUP WAS APPROPRIATELY FETED THE FOLLOWING DAY AND GAVE ITS FIRST CONCERT ON MARCH 19. IN REPORTING THE EVENT, NCAN PRAISED THE CONDUCTOR AND THE SOLOSITS FOR THEIR " MASTERLY GUIDANCE" AND " OUTSTANDING STYLE OF PLAY." THE CHINESE GUESTS WERE LED BY WU TEH, HEAD OF THE STATE COUNCIL' S CULTURAL GROUP, AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN- HUA. THE BRITISH INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION IS DUE TO OPEN ON MARCH 26 AND THE HEAD OF THE SINO- BRITISH
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TRADE COUNCIL, JOHN KESWICK ARRIVED IN PEKING ON MARCH 1 TO HELP WITH FINAL PREPARATIONS. THE EXHIBITION WILL BE THE LARGEST EVER STAGED IN PEING, WITH 346 UK FIRMS AND AROUND 900 BRITISH BUSINESSMEN EXPECTED TO ATTEND (HK A0342, 1972). SEVERAL JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING RICHARD HUGHES (LONDON SUNDAY TIMES, ECONOMIST), DEREK DAVIES (FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW), AND TONY LAWRENCE (BBC) LEFT HONG KONG ON MARCH 21 TO REPORT ON THE EXHIBITION.
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